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## BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2019

Fiscal Services Division

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### Farm Mediation Services

#### Purpose

The Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee is required to serve as the farm assistance program coordinator under Iowa Code section 13.13. The farm assistance program coordinator must contract with a nonprofit organization in the State to provide farm mediation services as provided in Iowa Code chapters 654A, 654B, and 654C. Since the farm crisis of the 1980s, the Attorney General has contracted with the Iowa Mediation Service (IMS) to provide farm mediation services to the State. Farmers and lenders use IMS mediators to satisfactorily resolve their disputes, with most cases revolving around farm debt.

#### Funding

In FY 2018, the Department of Justice received a \$300,000 appropriation from the Consumer Education and Litigation Fund for farm mediation services. This is no change in funding compared to estimated net FY 2017.

#### Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapters [654A](#), [654B](#), and [654C](#)

Iowa Code section [13.13](#)

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#### More Information

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